

Table 2—Demographic characteristics of hired farmworkers, 1990-2000

| Annual averages | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|-------------------|
| Characteristics | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 |
| <i>Thousands</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of workers | 886 | 884 | 848 | 803 | 793 | 849 | 906 | 889 | 875 | 840 | 878 |
| <i>Percent</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Racial/ethnic group: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| White | 61.0 | 60.3 | 59.7 | 57.5 | 51.3* | 53.5 | 58.9 | 52.4* | 52.4 | 50.1 | 47.2 ^y |
| Hispanic | 29.4 | 28.3 | 30.7 | 33.6 | 41.3* | 41.1 | 36.0 | 41.0 | 41.8 | 43.0 | 46.4 ^y |
| Black and other | 9.6 | 11.4 | 9.6 | 8.9 | 7.4 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 6.4 ^y |
| Gender: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 82.9 | 82.4 | 83.8 | 84.7 | 83.7 | 84.5 | 84.2 | 83.3 | 83.8 | 80.7 | 82.1 |
| Female | 17.1 | 17.6 | 16.2 | 15.3 | 16.3 | 15.5 | 15.8 | 16.7 | 16.2 | 19.3 | 17.9 |
| Age (years): | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 25 | 31.5 | 25.0* | 24.7 | 27.2 | 28.0 | 30.1 | 27.9 | 30.7 | 28.4 | 30.4 | 26.0 ^y |
| 25-44 | 47.6 | 51.6 | 52.6 | 51.1 | 48.8 | 44.2 | 46.0 | 45.6 | 46.7 | 44.0 | 46.9 |
| 45-59 | 14.4 | 15.1 | 16.3 | 16.2 | 17.2 | 18.2 | 19.1 | 17.1 | 17.8 | 18.8 | 19.6 ^y |
| 60 and older | 6.5 | 8.3 | 6.4 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 7.5 |
| Marital status: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Married | 53.3 | 53.4 | 53.5 | 51.8 | 58.5* | 58.5 | 56.3 | 52.1 | 51.9 | 55.5 | 55.0 |
| Widowed, divorced, or separated | 8.9 | 11.2 | 10.1 | 9.5 | 8.7 | 7.5 | 8.1 | 8.4 | 9.3 | 6.9 | 8.3 |
| Never married | 37.8 | 35.4 | 36.4 | 38.6 | 32.8* | 34.0 | 35.6 | 39.5 | 38.8 | 37.6 | 36.7 |
| Schooling completed: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-4 years | 11.1 | 11.5 | 14.1 | 16.4 | 13.4 | 14.2 | 13.1 | 12.2 | 10.9 | 11.3 | 13.4 |
| 5-8 years | 21.6 | 21.2 | 16.0* | 17.4 | 22.9* | 22.5 | 19.9 | 22.1 | 21.1 | 22.6 | 21.0 |
| 9-11 years | 22.8 | 22.6 | 27.0 | 21.8* | 22.7 | 22.7 | 24.2 | 24.8 | 24.9 | 20.7 | 21.2 |
| 12 years [†] | 31.4 | 31.0 | 26.9 | 27.0 | 25.9 | 25.9 | 25.4 | 22.3 | 26.5 | 27.1 | 25.7 ^y |
| 13 years or more | 13.1 | 13.7 | 16.0 | 17.4 | 15.6 | 14.7 | 17.4 | 18.6 | 16.6 | 18.3 | 18.7 ^y |

[†] Schooling completed: 12 years means that a person received a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent degree.

*Significantly different from previous year at the 95-percent confidence level.

^y Significantly different from 1990 at the 95-percent confidence level, 2000 only.

^z Significantly different from 1994 at the 95-percent confidence level, 2000 only.

Note: Data for 1994 and later years are not directly comparable with data for 1993 and earlier years, and data for 2000 and later years are not directly comparable with data for 1999 and earlier years because of changes in survey design.

Source: Calculated by ERS using data from the Current Population Survey earnings microdata file.